

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3241 - SB 3237

March 20, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes prohibitions against wrongfully declining to issue health insurance based upon uninsurability and against a hospital or medical service corporation or HMO wrongfully declining enrollment based upon uninsurability.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$97,000 Recurring
\$13,400 One-Time**

Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent that the bill reduced the number of applicants who are uninsurable and currently enrolling in the TennCare Program, there would be a decrease in state and federal expenditures. However the amount of such decrease cannot be determined.

Assumes a need for two positions in the Department of Commerce and Insurance to review underwriting guidelines of insurance companies and otherwise enforce the provisions contained in the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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